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AS DUAL COLOR TUMOR MODELS

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Examiner: Anne Marie Sabrina Wehbé, Ph.D.

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment accompanies a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) for the above-referenced application. A final Office Action was mailed from the US Patent and Trademark Office (PTO) on July 26, 2007, and a response was filed with the PTO on November 26, 2007. In an Advisory Action mailed by the PTO on January 8, 2008, the Examiner refused entry of the arguments and amendments as set forth in the response. Enclosed with this RCE is a petition for a two-month extension of time, thereby extending the deadline to January 26, 2008. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.